

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with replacement paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a divisional of and claims benefit priority to U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/700,583 (with a 35 U.S.C. §371(c) filing date of January 19, 2001), now U.S. Patent No. 6,714,882 (issued March 30, 2004), which application is hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/01627 (March 16, 2000) and Japanese Document No. 11-71071 (March 16, 1999), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the specification by adding the words "What is claimed is:" at the start of the claims on page 24 (the page after the page on which paragraph [0099] ends), and just after the title "CLAIMS".